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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., November 19, 2004 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.21 million cattle on feed on November 1, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 3 percent from last year and 5 percent above November 1, 2002.

Placements during October totaled 600,000 head, down 6 percent from 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 325,000 head, up 2 percent from last year but 10 percent below 2002. Other disappearance during October totaled 5,000 head compared with 10,000 head during October 2003 and 10,000 head during October 2002.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2003 and 5 percent above November 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.70 million, 3 percent below 2003 but 13 percent above 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent below 2003 and 9 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during October, 35 percent below 2003 and 21 percent below 2002.

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